

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND  
THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**-against-**

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,**

**Defendant.**

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: **07 Civ. 3160 (SCR)**  
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: **NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**  
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a consent decree has been presented for approval to the Honorable Stephen C. Robinson, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York, at the United States Courthouse, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

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